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I respectfully urge you to reconsider the proposed ban on flavored vaping products. While I fully support efforts to prevent youth vaping, a blanket ban on flavors punishes responsible adult users who rely on these products as a significantly less harmful alternative to smoking. The respected Oxford University has researched and concluded that E-cigarettes some adults quit smoking.

Flavored vapes have helped many adults — including many people I know — quit traditional cigarettes. For many, tobacco-flavored options are a reminder of the habit they're trying to escape, while fruit, mint, and dessert flavors make it easier to transition and stay away from smoking, which lead helps them take the next step. Removing these options could push people back to cigarettes, which are far more dangerous.

Instead of an outright ban, I strongly encourage lawmakers to focus on stricter enforcement of age restrictions, education, and penalties for illegal sales to minors. Harm reduction is a proven public health strategy — and adult vapers deserve choices that support that.

Please don't take away an effective tool that has helped many people lead healthier lives.